

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

b 1
--Another type of shoe is a "slip-on" shoe, which is not provided with fastening means. To put on a slip-on ~~show~~ shoe, a user simply pushes their foot into the shoe, and the upper of the shoe is able to deform to accommodate the user's foot and to grip the user's foot securely.--

Please delete the line beginning on page 3, line 9.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

b 2
--Figure 1 illustrates a shoe 1 fitted with a first shoe horn attachment 8 of the present invention. The shoe may be any a conventional shoe having a sole denoted generally at 21 and an upper denoted generally at 20, and its construction will not be described in detail. Figure 1 shows a slip-on shoe, but the invention may also be applied to a shoe having a fastener such as laces or buckles.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

b 3
--The side portions 10 are spaced from one another so that the overall width of the attachment is substantially equal to the interior width of the shoe. Moreover, the side portions 10 and back portion 2 of the attachment are preferably contoured

so as to be a close fit into the interior of the upper of the shoe, for example the external profile of each side portion 10 is preferably substantially complementary to the internal profile of the side walls of the upper of the shoe. Moreover, the inner side of the heel of a human foot generally has a different profile from the outer side of the heel, since more weight tends to bear on the inner side of the heel. The shoe horn attachment is preferably contoured 14 to allow for this. As a consequence, a shoe horn attachment that is a good fit for a left foot will not be a good fit for a right foot shoe, and vice versa. It is therefore preferable to manufacture the attachments in pairs, one intended for a left foot and one intended for a right foot.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Figure 4 shows two adhesive strips 13, one disposed on the exterior of each side portion 10 of the attachment. The invention is not limited to this precise number of adhesive strips, however, ~~not~~ nor is it limited to providing adhesive only on the side portions of the attachment 2. For example, further adhesive strips could be disposed on the exterior of the rear portion 2 of the attachment, as indicated in Figure 1 (which shows, in broken lines, two adhesive strips mounted substantially

horizontally on the exterior of the rear portion 2 of the attachment).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 31, bridging pages 7 and 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A shoe horn attachment 8 of the present invention also makes it easier for a user to take the shoe off. The process of removing a shoe is illustrated in Figure 3. As can be seen, the user may move a shoe 1 from one leg 5 by placing the toes 6 3 of their other foot 6 against the top of the back portion 2a of the heel attachment 8. When the user then withdraws their leg 5 from the shoe, the pressure exerted by their other foot 6 on the shoe horn attachment 8 will prevent the shoe from moving as the user withdraws their leg. The user is thus easily able to remove the shoe, without the need to bend down. Furthermore, in order to remove a conventional slip-on shoe without bending down it is necessary for a user to place their other foot against the heel of the shoe to prevent it moving, and this is liable to damage the upper of the shoe. With the present invention, however, the user's other foot 6 does not make contact with the upper of the shoe, but only with the heel attachment. There is therefore no risk of damage to the upper of the shoe.--